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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



This annual report gives each citizen of Roanoke County an opportunity to obtain an overview of some of the activities of the Police Department. I hope that you will find it helpful in understanding the Police Department's function in the overall government of Roanoke County.

The year 2008 presented many challenges to the Police Department. Due to the economic conditions, we started immediately to determine how we could provide the same critical services to our citizens with a smaller dollar amount in our budget. I want to assure each citizen that there will be no decrease in emergency services provided by the Police Department as a result of necessary budget cuts.

The new Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy was tasked with the responsibility of training the staff for the new Regional Jail. All of the Academy staff approached this monumental task with enthusiasm and utmost professionalism. The result yielded scores of highly trained and certified young men and women of whom we can be very proud.

We approach the New Year that is full of challenges with a renewed commitment to provide all our citizens with the best possible police services.

Roanoke County Police Department Mission Statement

The Roanoke County Police Department recognizes the value of its employees in delivering quality police services to the citizens of Roanoke County. It recognizes that our officers' experience, intellect, education and training are great assets to both the Department and to each citizen of Roanoke County.

The Department's mission is to create a safe environment wherein the citizens of Roanoke County are safe in their homes and on their streets. The protection of Constitutional rights and the highest level of confidence in the Department will be attained through a county-wide coalition of our citizens and Department members. This coalition will also confirm that existing services are evaluated in a proper manner.

The Roanoke County Police Department commits itself to providing excellent traditional enforcement services while developing and initiating new and innovative approaches to police services.



REVIEW & GOALS

2008 Year in Review



To state that the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy has been an overwhelming success would be an understatement. The Academy has provided outstanding training and its reputation is one of providing top notch training to high quality students.



Goals for 2009

We are currently in the initial stage of altering work hours to determine if changes such as this can provide better police services to our citizens.

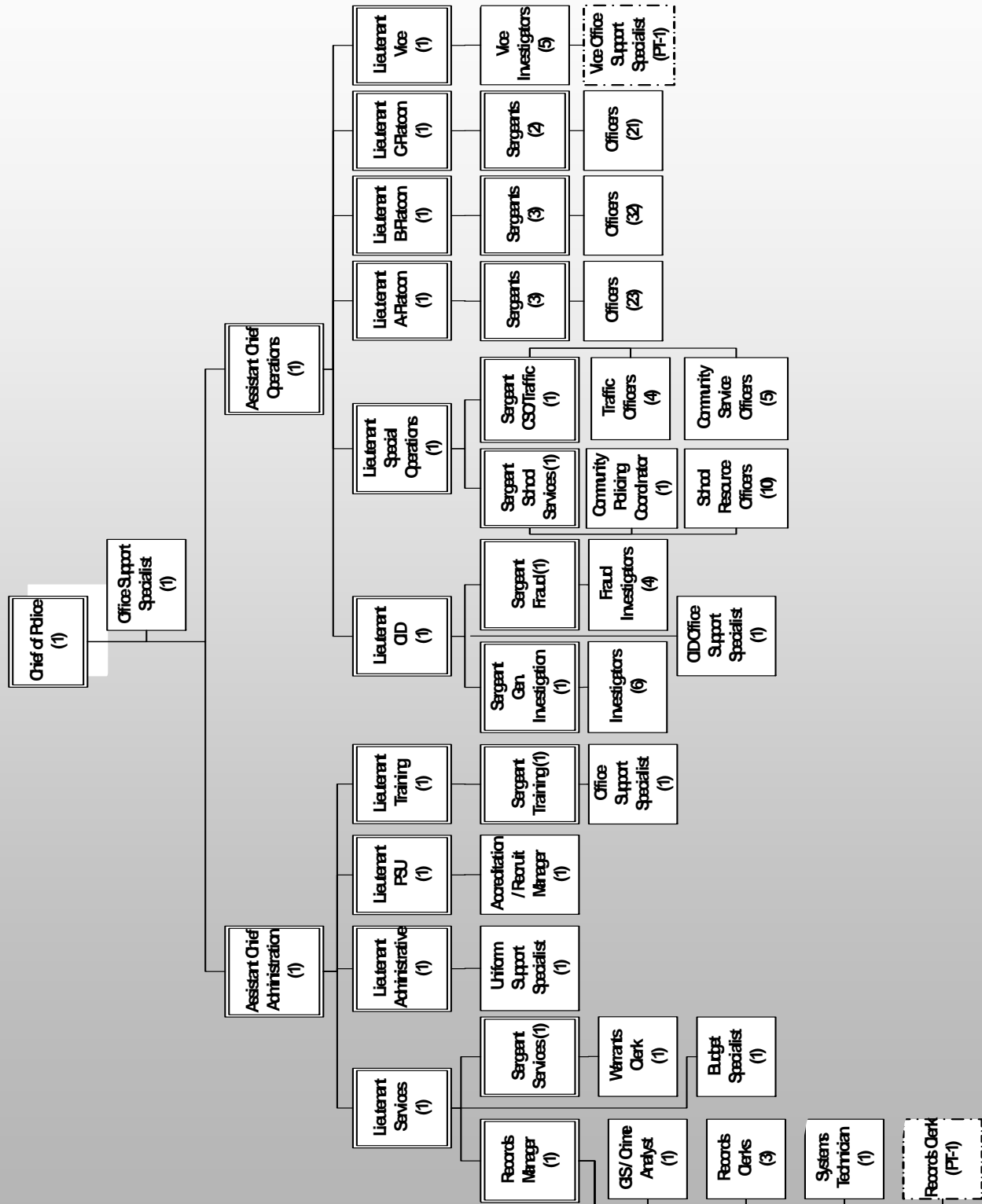
Even in a year of budget cuts we have still been able to provide our staff with all the quality equipment and resources necessary to serve the citizens of Roanoke County.

Roanoke County continues to have a crime rate well below the national average, due in large part to the commitment of the women and men of the Roanoke County Police Department.





ORGANIZATION





CANINE & SWAT

- The Canine Unit consists of 3 K9's.
- K-9 Ero handled by Officer Moore is utilized primarily for Narcotics Detection with an Aggressive Response.
- K-9 Zeke handled by Police Officer II Herron is used for Narcotics Detection with a Passive Response.



- K-9 Alto is the Department's Explosive Recognition canine and he is handled by Police Officer II Campbell.

- The K-9's are utilized for tracking, apprehension of criminal offenders, locating evidence, building searches, article searches, narcotics detection, explosive detection and the search and rescue of lost or missing persons.



- The Unit is also available to assist other agencies upon request of services to include demonstrations.



- The Roanoke County Police Department SWAT Team consist of 16 members from various divisions within the agency.

- Training is one 12 hour day per month.



- The team participated in a mock drill at Hollins University along with CID, Uniform Division and Fire & Rescue.

- There were 3 high school lock down drills performed with students present.

- For 2008, S.W.A.T was activated for service on 5 high risk warrants.

- S.W.A.T also responded to 5 calls involving barricaded subjects.



COMMUNITY POLICING

National Night Out

National Night Out is a national event in which neighborhood watch groups demonstrate their support for police / community partnerships by giving crime a going away party. Neighborhood Watch groups across the country participate in hosting these activities every year on the first Tuesday in August.

On August 5, 2008, Chief Lavinder, his administrative staff, along with acting County Administrator Mr. John Chambliss and police officers in their districts, attended the 2008 National Night Out events across the County.

The events ranged from cookouts and block parties to ice cream socials. The following communities celebrated the 2008 National Night Out with an active and entertaining event:

Glen Cove, Mt. Pleasant and Georgetown Park.

Many communities have reinforced that National Night Out helps revitalize their neighborhood spirit. If you are interested in celebrating National Night Out in your community, please contact Officer Orange @ 777-8651.



Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a program that Roanoke County has been involved in for several years now. The program is designed to aid in the location of persons that may suffer from Autism or Alzheimer's and have a tendency to wander. Currently, Roanoke County has 14 participants in the program. Thanks to the support and donations of the local Rotary Club, the County can purchase more equipment that will assist with helping the program to grow. In 2008, the Roanoke Valley Rotary Club donated \$2,000 which brought their total donations to \$12,000 since the inception of the program in the County.



Citizens Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy gives the opportunity to citizens of the Roanoke Valley to become educated on police practices and procedures. In 2008 there were 32 attendees. The Roanoke County Police Department was the first department in southwest Virginia to establish the program. At this time the next academy date has not been set, however it will likely occur in 2010.



ACTIVITY REPORT

2008 ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	TO-TAL
Incident Reports													
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Forcible Rape	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	6	1	4	0	23
Robbery	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	5	3	18
Aggravated Assault	7	2	5	7	5	7	6	9	2	13	5	5	73
Simple Assault	44	54	55	53	69	54	48	37	67	44	60	55	640
Burglary	13	7	18	13	19	27	20	15	22	25	25	24	228
Larceny	74	59	93	77	73	73	80	87	87	101	78	82	964
Theft of Vehicle	4	4	6	6	2	3	9	3	8	4	7	8	64
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	15
Total	147	129	178	158	170	168	169	157	195	192	186	179	2028
Traffic Summons	1244	1056	1269	1230	1712	1457	1644	1285	1339	1344	1192	1391	16163
Calls for Service*	6798	6311	7076	6698	7446	7318	7728	6666	6506	7211	6552	6713	83023
Alarm Calls for Service													
Received	132	179	159	133	186	172	176	145	140	157	161	150	1890
Police Response	123	174	148	126	173	160	163	140	136	152	148	139	1782

ACCIDENT ACTIVITY

Total Accidents Received in Dispatch

3002

Accidents Responded - DMV Reportable Calls for Service

1252

Accidents Responded - Non-Reportable to DMV Calls for Service

1432

Other

318

* Calls for Service reflect and include officer initiated calls in addition to citizen calls for service



INVESTIGATIONS

2008 Year in Review

- Clearance rates were maintained well above the national average with comparison rates which revealed the following:
 - CID clearance of violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault) is 75.7%, compared to national average of 44.5%.
 - CID Clearance of property crimes (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft) is 29.1% compared to the national average of 16.5%.
- CID detectives and supervisors can now use the electronic reporting system to prepare investigative reports and enter information on suspects, wanted vehicles, and stolen property, greatly increasing the efficiency and speed with which data from these reports may be utilized.



2008	Assigned	Cleared	Clearance Rate
Abduction	9	6	67%
Burglary	142	44	31%
Check Crimes	76	67	88%
Grand Larceny	98	28	29%
Homicide	1	1	100%
Larceny	33	20	61%
Malicious Wounding	5	5	100%
Rape	21	19	90%
Robbery	10	5	50%
Sex Crimes (Other)	52	57	110%
Suicides	9	9	100%
Theft of Vehicles	26	14	54%
White Collar Crime	204	142	70%
Other Offenses	110	70	64%
Totals	796	487	61%



INVESTIGATIONS

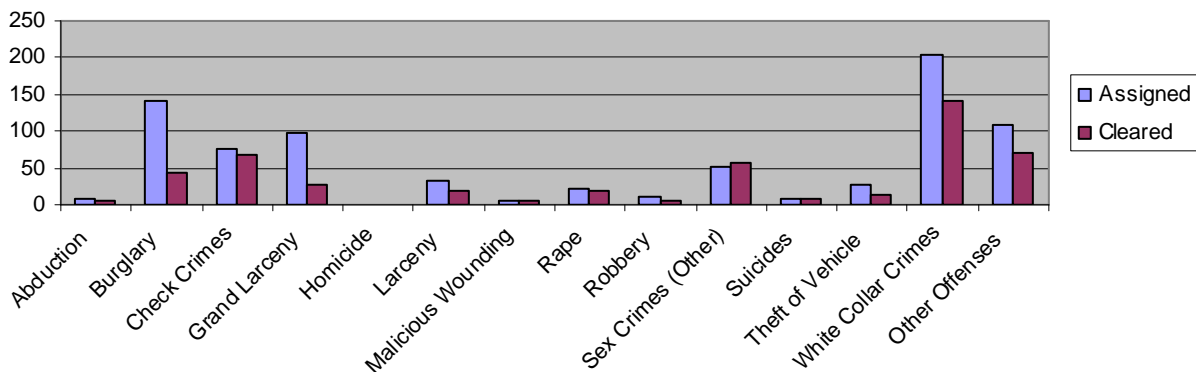
- During 2008, seven additional patrol officers were trained as Crime Scene Technician I.
 - In-service training was provided to both new and experienced crime scene technicians on a variety of topics ranging from the plotting of bullet trajectories to locating and processing clandestine gravesites.
- Added an additional detective position for the purpose of coordinating and investigating larceny crimes, such as larceny-from-auto incidents, which appear to be occurring as a series of crimes or on an organized basis.
- Continued participation in the Roanoke Valley Financial Crimes Task Force, a federal task force operated within the US Postal Inspectors Service which targets fraud-related crime, through the assignment of a Fraud Unit Detective to the Task Force.
- Participated in the sharing of intelligence and information concerning street gangs, fraud crimes, and other criminal activities with local, state, and federal investigators working in the Roanoke Valley area.
- Assigned two detectives to the new Special Investigations Unit to better coordinate and deliver investigative and support services to victims of abuse and neglect crimes perpetrated against children and the elderly, sex offenses, and serious domestic violence offenses.



Goals for 2009

- Maintain a clearance rate for criminal investigations higher than the national average clearance rate.
- Enable a detective to complete the intensive Crime Scene Technician II training at the Virginia Forensic Academy in Richmond.
- Enable a detective to obtain basic training and begin the field training process for the identification and classification of latent prints.

CID Annual Activity Summary





FORENSICS



On October 17, 2008, the Roanoke County Police Department hosted forensic training for the Department's supplemental evidence technicians as well evidence technicians from other agencies.



This training was designed to teach students how to process and collect evidence present at clandestine human burial sites. The significance of this training was not only in the value of the information presented to crime scene investigators but also in the difficulty of obtaining training in this discipline.



The lead facilitator for this course was Detective Dave Flynn who is a graduate of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy as well as a graduate of a covert grave buried bodies school conducted through the University of Tennessee. Detective Flynn was assisted by co-instructor Detective Dale Clark who is also a fellow graduate of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy .



This story begins on September 07, 2007 when the carcass of a pig was buried at an undisclosed location at Roanoke County's training facility on Laurel Mountain. A pig was utilized due to its similarity to a human corpse in decomposition properties. Time and nature took their due course on the carcass until October 17, 2008 when the crime scene was investigated by the class attendees.





FORENSICS



The day began with students in the classroom receiving instruction on topics such as: collection of insects for forensic investigations, time since death determination, the human skeletal system, methods of locating buried remains, and how to collect and document evidence found at a grave site.



The students were introduced to methods of determining race, sex, and age of the decedents, as well as possible cause and manner of death.



At the conclusion of the classroom portion of the course, evidence technician students used their newly acquired education to locate the suspected grave of the would-be 'pork-o-cide' victim.



Once the suspected burial site was determined the documentation began with the required photographs, notes, and sketches. The students then continued the processing of the crime scene by systematically and methodically exhuming the remains with the specialized techniques they had just been taught. Students ex-



amined all remains and evidence uncovered at the grave while continuing the

documentation process. At the conclusion of the course, the students were dismissed with an introductory knowledge into the complexities of investigating buried human remains and unique challenges that come with a crime scene of this type.





TRAFFIC SAFETY

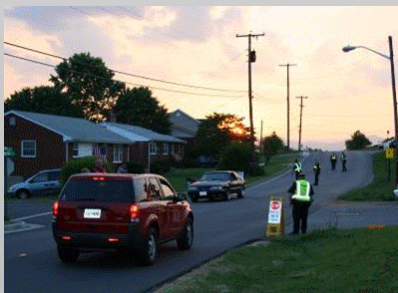
The Roanoke County Police Department continued to actively promote traffic safety during 2008 by the enforcement of traffic laws and educational efforts. Since 2004, the Department has kept a balanced approach to traffic safety by creating both enforcement and educational programs to target specific traffic related problems as identified through yearly crash statistics.

This balanced approach has brought recognition to the Department in the form of awards presented nationally, as well as state and locally. At the request of both the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department has made presentations of some of its programs to other agencies. During 2008, the Department made several presentations for the 'Operation Daily Watch' and Regional Crash Team programs.

In the Department's first year competing in Municipal 6 (agencies with 126-300 officers) the Department placed 2nd in the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge. This competition judges agencies on their efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving and speeding. In the three years prior, the Department had competed in the Municipal 5 (agencies with 76-125 officers) and placed first each year.



During 2008 the Department conducted 35 sobriety and 17 license checkpoints, more than any other agency in Southwestern Virginia. Checkpoints are effective tools in both the identification and prevention of impaired and other dangerous drivers. Several of these checkpoints involved other agencies which increases regional cooperation and reduces the costs for each agency.



Left, the Department purchased a second LIDAR unit to enhance speed enforcement. Right, the Department's RADAR trailer has been an effective tool to reduce speeding complaints and with the ability to recharge through solar panels, allows the unit to remain on a roadway for several days.





TRAFFIC SAFETY

During 2008, the Department continued to promote traffic safety with a number of different programs. The “Why Math Matters” program, which won state and national awards in 2005 and 2006, was presented in math, physics, and driver education classes. The program combines traffic safety topics such as speed and occupant protection with state mandated standards in the high schools. The “Partnering for the Privilege” program was presented in each high school to reach both parents and teens with the traffic safety message.

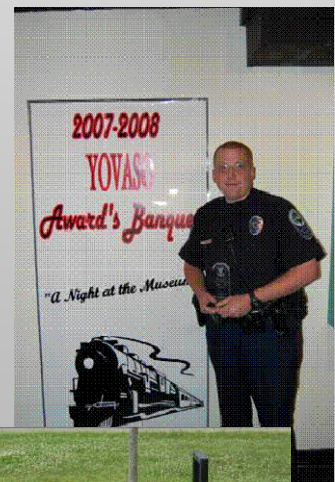
The Department’s ‘Police’ golf cart impaired driving simulator continued to be a great complement in efforts to promote the dangers of drunk driving. By driving the golf cart while wearing ‘Fatal Vision’ goggles, which simulate the effects alcohol has on vision, participants learn first hand the dangers of impaired driving. During 2008, hundreds of high school students and adults drove the golf cart at various events.



Above and below, the Department’s impaired driving simulator proved a tremendous crowd pleaser at the Vinton Fall Festival. For six hours the cart ran nonstop to include a ride by the ‘Mayberry Deputy’.



Above, the Department conducted two mock car crashes in the County high schools during 2008. At right, SRO A. Morris was named the YOVASO Best New School Resource Officer of the year for his work with teen traffic safety projects. Below, the Department conducted numerous occupant protection presentations during the year with air bags. Below right, the Department’s air bag simulator sled and at left is a stand alone demonstration showing the power of



an air bag with a child safety seat set upon it.





EVENTS & PROGRAMS



Rape Aggression Defense

For the year of 2008 there were approximately 50 new women who completed the Rape Aggression Defense Program (RAD). RAD certified instructors use specifically designed techniques to teach women self defense against a sexual assault. The program is typically held weekly for a duration of four weeks. Each session is free to attend and last approximately three hours. Female attendees must be over the age of 13; however, those younger than 18 require parental consent. At this time the classes for 2009 are anticipated to begin this summer. If you are interested in learning more about the RAD program contact Detective Hook at (540) 777-8629 or e-mail at rad@roanokecountyva.gov.

Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation

Each month the Roanoke County Police Department holds child safety seat inspections and installations. Trained officers are available the first Thursday of each month from 2:00-4:00, at the Hollins Fire and Rescue Department #5 and at the Cave Spring Fire Department #3. For more information you can contact the Traffic Enforcement Unit at (540) 777-8649.



VIN Etching

VIN etching is a crime prevention program that places the vehicle's identification number on every window of the vehicle. This prevents the VIN plate from being altered on a stolen vehicle because the VIN etched number is placed right around the VIN plate on the vehicle's dash. This makes it easy for the police officer investigating a case to make sure the numbers are the same. The glass is the most expensive part of the vehicle; therefore marking the window prevents the vehicle from being sent to chop shops where a \$20,000 vehicle can be stripped for parts and sold for \$40,000. The Department has held 8 VIN etching events and have etched 158 vehicles since the beginning the program.

C.O.P.S Camp



Roanoke County continues to offer the opportunity to rising 7th and 8th graders to spend a week at the over-night residential camp known as "C.O.P.S Camp". Campers are able to spend a week with officers enjoying fun activities. This program is accomplished through the combined efforts of the Police Department, Roanoke County Schools as well as Parks and Rec. Activities include Mock Crime Scenes, High Ropes Course, Archery, etc.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Department strives to ensure that it offers to the citizens of Roanoke County the most professional police force possible. To that end, the Department examines the actions of the employees who are involved in complaints of misconduct.

Although the delivery of some police services is not always welcome by those associated with an event, the Department expects an employee's interactions to be professional. The Department takes a proactive approach to investigating all complaints made against members of the Department.

The information below is a reflection of activity from the period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008. A single complaint/investigation may involve more than one officer, and as a result, there may be multiple outcomes for a single investigation. There were a total of fourteen complaints registered in 2008 against agency members.

Nature of Investigations and Number Reported

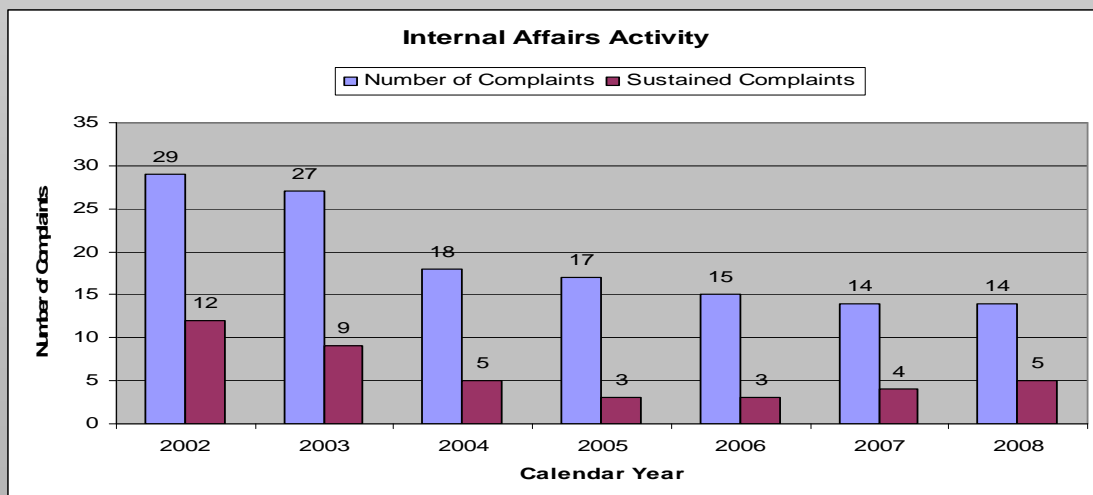
Officer Involved Shooting	— 1
Conduct Unbecoming of an Officer	— 3
Demeanor or Rudeness	— 3
Harassment	— 2
Unlawful Use of Authority and VCIN Violation	— 3
Driving Under the Influence	— 1
Rules Violation	— 1

Outcomes of Complaints on Police Officers

Sustained Complaints	5
Not Sustained Complaints	9
Under Investigation-Outcome Pending	0

Outcomes on 5 Sustained Complaints

Counseling	1
Oral Reprimand	0
Written Reprimand	0
Suspension	1
Demotion	2
Resignation	1
Termination	0



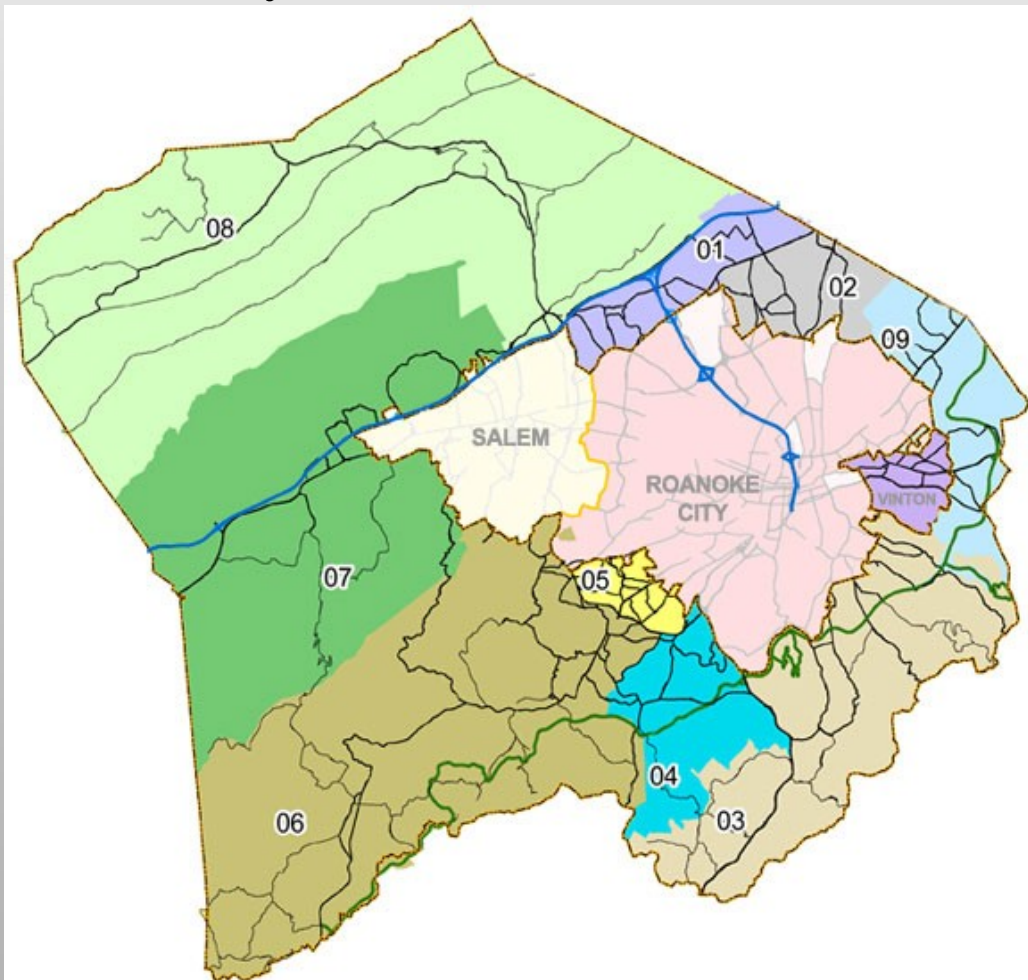
There were no grievances filed during calendar year 2008.



BUDGET & POLICING DISTRICTS

Description	Budget FY 2008	Budget FY 2009	Proposed FY 2010	% Change 09-10
Personnel	\$9,729,219	\$8,861,079	\$8,861,079	0%
Operating	\$1,107,483	\$1,194,153	\$1,032,653	-13.52%
Capital	\$868,161	\$868,161	\$868,161	0%
Total	\$11,704,863	\$10,923,393	\$10,761,893	-1.5%

County of Roanoke Police Districts





UNIFORM DIVISION



2008 Year in Review

- Strengths & weaknesses of the regional drill simulating a school having an active shooter were addressed in order to plan for future training.
- Participated in drill at Hollins University in conjunction with the fire dept. as well as the University. This drill was facilitated to allow the University to test their emergency procedures as well as test first-responder capabilities in dealing with on-campus emergencies.
- The completion of the review for proposed change in schedule cycles took place. These changes are slated to begin on 1/10/09. The testing and reviewing of these practices will be orchestrated to ensure this is a beneficial change to our citizens as well as employees.
- A new Crime Analyst began this past year thus allowing the Services Division to create reports that will be beneficial to the officers as they patrol their districts.

Goals for 2009

- The new 10 hour rotational schedule will begin in January and we will test and monitor the advantages that it provides the Department and the citizens of the County of Roanoke.
- Continue to grow and improve our regional training.



- Evaluate all programs we provide our citizens out of operations in order to determine the most appropriate use of taxpayers' monies.



SERVICES DIVISION



Evidence in Vault

2008

- There were 6,244 cases reported and processed for 2008.
- In addition there were 1,198 traffic crashes.
- The Department processed and entered 16,125 summonses.
- A total of 3,833 arrests were processed.
- The warrants division dealt with the dispensation of 1206 warrants.
- In addition to those warrants, there were also 142 Emergency Custody Orders & Temporary Detention Orders served.
- The Department also is responsible for administering civil papers in which there were 543 cumulative papers for either Emergency Protective Orders, Preliminary Protective Orders and / or Protective Orders.
- The Concealed Weapons Permit requests increased from 728 in 2007 to 1040 in 2008.
- 644 Background checks were requested.
- 1190 Insurance request were disseminated.
- The Commonwealth Attorney's office required 3433 documents of a variety of nature to be prepared and sent forthwith.





POLICE ACADEMY



During 2008, the Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy experienced the novelty of training over 100 jailor basic recruits. This training was agreed upon approximately mid year for the opening of the jail in March ' 09. This was a complex task that came to fruition through a host of dedicated staff from the Western Virginia Regional Jail, the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office and Academy staff. There were long hours spent developing comprehensive lesson plans and presentation materials for the upcoming basic recruit training classes.



The staff worked cooperatively together using years of experience, creative thought and synergy to develop a schedule to accommodate an unusually large number of recruits and within the spatial limitations of the Academy. The net result of this large investment of time and resources was observed on November 21, 2008, when Session 2008-04 graduated.



On December 4, 2008, the Academy submitted to an audit conducted by DCJS. The audit examined the policies and procedures of the Academy and interviewed the staff to ensure that each was in compliance by the standards defined by DCJS. All policies were found to be in compliance with the standards and subsequently certification was maintained.



After 22 weeks of rigorous training, the Academy graduated nine police officers who will further their career with the Department. After graduation, the officers enter the Department's 15 week Field Training Program. During this phase of training they will be monitored and evaluated daily regarding their performance and practical application of knowledge.



The newest members of the Roanoke County Police Department are:

Michelle Alderson
Truman Farmer
Jermaine Hardy
Matthew Maness
Jessica Vazquez

Joshua Duffy
John Gallagher
Doug Johnson
Jason O'Brien





EMPLOYEE AWARDS

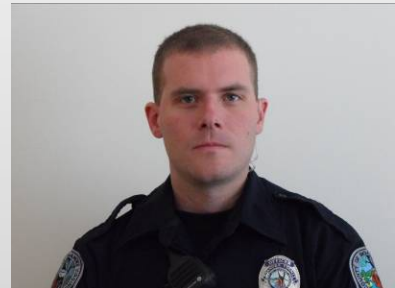


Uniform Division Officer of the Year **Police Officer II John Musser**

Officer John Musser has been with the Department since 2005 and obtained the rank of Police Office II in 2008. Officer Musser's extra initiative and knowledge of his job related duties have made him a valued member of the Department. POII Musser's criminal activity statistics are consistently above his shift's average and his investigation into numerous complex cases have gained the attention of his immediate supervisors.

Rookie of the Year **Officer Brian Corcoran**

Officer Brian Corcoran has been with the Department since 2007. During this time Officer Corcoran has already shown the professionalism, knowledge, and demeanor that would be expected of a more seasoned officer. He comes to work showing a very polished image, positive attitude toward the public as well as fellow officers. He was chosen by his academy class as their class president. He continues to display his leadership skills by assisting other units with many tasks and looking for additional opportunities in the Department to make himself a more valuable member.

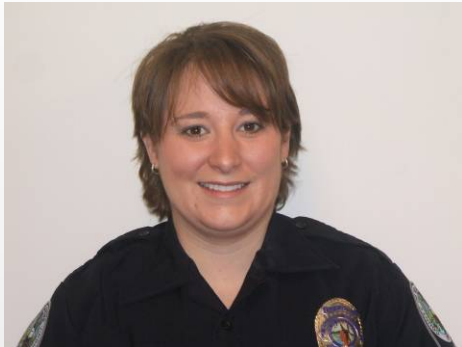


Special Operations Officer of the Year **Police Officer Andrew Morris**

Officer Andrew Morris has been with the Department since 2003 and assigned to Special Operations Division since 2007. Officer Morris is currently assigned to Glenvar Schools as a School Resource Officer. Officer Morris is actively involved in communicating the importance of safe teen driving as well as various programs to endorse rewards for those drivers. Officer Morris also is the representative for the Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety program (YOVASO). He was selected best new school resource officer of the year for the program. He has been described as determined and hard working by the schools as well as the staff of the programs in which he is actively involved. Officer Morris is also driving instructor for the Police Department's Academy.



EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Life Saving Award &

Meritorious Service Award

Police Officer Andrea Morris

On October 7, 2008, Officer Andrea Morris was a front seat passenger while instructing a driving course to a recruit at the Department's driving range. During one of the training evaluations, the recruit's vehicle left the roadway and overturned on to its roof while partially submerged in a pond of water. Officer Morris was able to extricate herself from the vehicle; however the recruit was not capable of removing herself. As the vehicle continued to sink, Officer Morris assisted the recruit by keeping the recruit's head above water. When the recruit's head became submerged, Officer Morris returned to the interior of the vehicle and released the restraints holding the recruit, thereby rescuing the recruit from certain drowning. Officer Morris' exceptional life saving performance without hesitation was commendable in preventing a horrific ending to this tragedy. Officer Morris has eleven years with the Police Department.



Leadership Award **Sergeant Dwayne Cromer**

Sergeant Dwayne Cromer has been with the Department since 1995 and obtained the rank of Sergeant in 2008. Sgt. Cromer received nominations listing his ability to effectively communicate with others and his willingness to assist his shift in any manner. Sgt. Cromer dedicates a lot of his personal time to his job as well as to the classes he teaches. Other nominations commended his good attitude in the field as well as at the academy and his role as an advisor. Sgt. Cromer recently received the Academic Leadership Award from the Law Enforcement Basic Class 08-03.

Civilian Employee of the Year **Donna Brown**

Donna Brown has been a civilian employee with the Department since 2008. Donna's nominations listed her ability to tolerate tremendous change in her position as well as immerse herself into learning all aspects of her job. Donna approaches her position with a great attitude on a daily basis which exemplifies her professionalism when interacting with employees of the Department as well as other agencies.





EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Criminal Investigations Detective of the Year **Detective Dale Clark**

Detective Clark has been with the Department since 1992 and a member of the Criminal Investigations Division since 2005. Detective Clark was nominated by his peers who frequently commented on his eagerness to assist other officers with their investigations and evidence processing needs. Detective Clarke accomplishes this while still maintaining his considerable caseload and coordinating training for the Department's crime scene technicians.

Det. Clark also assumes the duties of Evidence Technician, as well as Computer Forensics.

During the past year Det. Clark has worked for days on large crime scenes and complicated forensics problems, to include shooting reconstructions and computer searches on child pornography cases. Detective Clark has proven repeatedly to be an invaluable resource to CID.

Chamber of Commerce Awards for 2008

Jan-Feb.	Officer Lewis
Mar-Apr.	Sgt. Wyatt
May-Jun	Det. Ayers
Jul-Aug.	Det. Hook
Sep.-Oct.	Officer Andrea Morris
Nov.-Dec.	Officer Christian



Chamber of Commerce 2008 Officer of the Year **Officer Andrea Morris**



MEDAL OF VALOR

On February 29, 2008, Officer Chukya initiated a vehicle pursuit on a suspected intoxicated driver on Franklin Road in the vicinity of the Roanoke City line. Officer Lewis responded to assist and took over the lead in the pursuit. Officer Lewis and Officer Chukya pursued the suspect vehicle south on Franklin Road. The pursuit speeds reached 60 mph in the 45 mph and 55 mph zones. The pursuit continued to the Franklin County line where Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Garland was standing by to take over as the primary vehicle on the pursuit as it entered Franklin County.

Police Officer II Chukya



Just prior to entering Franklin County, the suspect vehicle stopped abruptly in the right hand lane of Franklin Road with Deputy Garland stopping immediately behind the suspect vehicle. Officer Lewis stopped behind Deputy Garland's vehicle and Officer Chukya stopped to the left of Deputy Garland preparing for a felony stop. Without warning, the lone occupant of the suspect vehicle exited the vehicle with a semi-automatic rifle and started to fire multiple rounds in the direction of Officer Chukya. Deputy Garland and Officer Lewis were able to engage the subject with their handguns, redirecting the suspect's attention and fire towards them, allowing Officer Chukya to obtain cover. Officer Chukya was then able to engage the subject with his handgun and provide cover fire for Deputy Garland and Officer Lewis to allow them both an opportunity to reload and obtain better cover.

During the course of the gun battle, the suspect discharged approximately 30 rifle rounds at the officers. Officer Chukya's vehicle was struck by approximately a dozen rifle rounds, with rounds deflating all 4 tires and entering the grille, hood, and the passenger side of his vehicle. Officer Chukya was struck in his boot by a rifle round and received a minor wound to his lower leg. Deputy Garland's vehicle was struck by approximately 10 rifle rounds, including a round which destroyed his spotlight and several rounds that entered his vehicle's hood and windshield.

Officer Chukya, Officer Lewis, and Deputy Garland were faced with a subject who was armed with a high capacity semi-automatic rifle. Due to the suddenness of the attack, the three officers involved did not have the opportunity to retrieve rifles and shotguns and were forced to engage the subject with their handguns. From a review of the scene, it is apparent that the brave and courageous actions of Officer Chukya, Officer Lewis, and Deputy Garland served to protect each other from this lethal assault.



Officer Lewis

Last year, Officer Chukya received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for his enforcement of DUI and impaired driving laws. Officer Lewis received the Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Month award in February of this year for his recent apprehensions of a burglar and of an armed subject who was wanted for the armed robbery of a convenience store in a neighboring jurisdiction. Officer Chukya and Officer Lewis both continue to be strong performers on midnight shift.



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